Merger of MPs RDFs and MPs LAD Fund

†1372. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the absence of required ratio of wages/articles in the Employment Guarantee Scheme, some programmes are not being sanctioned, if so, whether it is being reconsidered; and

(b) whether M.Ps Rural Development Fund Scheme on the lines of M.Ps Local Area Development Fund is under consideration, or whether suggestion for merger of both of them is under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The aim of NREGA is to provide 100 days of guaranteed wage employment to every rural household in a financial year for doing unskilled manual work on demand. The Act provides that the cost of material component of projects including the wages of the skilled and semi-skilled workers taken up under the scheme shall not exceed 40% of the total project costs. The wage: material ratio of 60:40 is, however, maintained at the district level. The issue is not under reconsideration of the Government.

(b) No, Sir.

Targets of Indira Awaas Yojana

1373. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what were the target of Indira Awaas yojana in the last three years;

(b) how much of the target have been fulfilled; and

(c) what are the estimates of homeless people in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by the Office of Registrar General of India based on 2001 Census, total housing shortage in rural areas throughout the country was 148.33 lakh houses as on 1.4.2001. The targets fixed under IAY and the targets achieved during the last three years, are indicated in the Table below:

(*Units in number*)

Year	Physical targets fixed under IAY	Physical targets achieved
2004-05	1562356	1521305
2005-06	1441241	1551923
2006-07	1533498	1498367
TOTAL:	4537095	4571595

Criteria for job cards under the NREGs in Uttarakhand

†1374. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.